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Letter dated 14 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the establishment of a broad coalition government in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia issued on 11 May 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the establishment of a broad coalition government in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia issued on 11 May 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union warmly welcomes the agreement on a broad coalition government in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

This is a strong message of unity from democratic leaders in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia against the cowardly acts of violence by the extremists. It is also a brave step by the political leaders to assume their responsibilities for the country in a difficult situation. The European Union calls for an end to the violence, and expresses the hope that the new coalition government will achieve concrete and substantial results on the main issues in the ongoing dialogue by the end of month.

The new government of national unity will serve as a solid platform in handling the hard political decisions that lie ahead. Only through political means can this crisis be resolved and a viable solution be found. The European Union will support the new Government in its difficult task.